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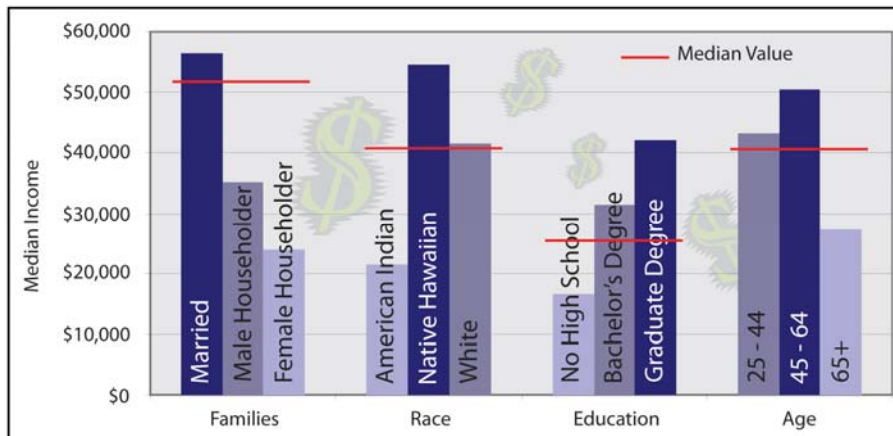
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2006 AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY INCOME, EARNINGS, AND POVERTY

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Income is influenced not only by one's salary and compensation (or earnings), but also marital status, race, educational attainment and age. For example, according to the 2006 American Community Survey released on August 28, 2007 by the U.S. Census Bureau, Montana's married-couple family's median income was \$56,432. For those households aged 45 to 64, their median income was \$50,317. Median earnings for Montanans holding Graduate or Professional Degrees was \$42,195. Lastly, Native Hawaiians living in Montana earn \$54,601 in household income. (Over 1,100 Native Hawaiians reside in Montana.)

Comparison of Income and Earnings



Income is received from various sources. Nearly 80% of all Montanans' household income is by way of earnings. The next largest income category is Social Security whereby 29% of households receive Social Security checks. Income from interest, dividends or net rental income is received by 28.8% of residents of the Big Sky state. Finally, 18% of household income is attributed to retirement income, such as pensions.

The 2006 ACS Social, Economic and Housing Profiles will be released on September 12, 2007. Data in this release will consist of such variables as occupation, journey to work, employment status, housing, and migration. On September 27, 2007, the U.S. Census Bureau will release group quarters and selected population profiles for selected population groups. The 2005 ACS did not include group quarters, which include prisons, college dormitories, nursing homes, and group homes.

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